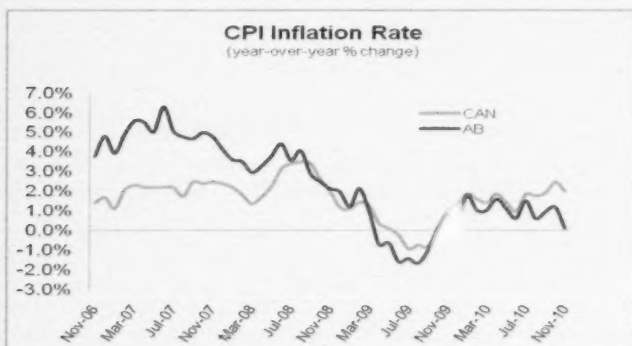


Consumer Price Index

Inflation remained subdued in November...

Alberta witnessed its smallest increase in consumer inflation since October 2009, with a year-over-year increase of 0.1% in November, following 1.2% increase in October. The weakness was largely due to lower natural gas and electricity prices. On a monthly basis, inflation was down 0.2% from October. Excluding energy, prices decreased 0.1%, suggesting that inflationary pressures remain subdued in Alberta.

Nationally, inflation was up 2.0% in November from 2.4% in October. Much of the increase was due to strong energy prices, which were up 6.7% from November 2009.



Average Weekly Earnings

Wages increased in October...

Alberta's average weekly earnings rose 1.6% in October to a seasonally adjusted \$1012.54 following a slight decline of 0.3% in September. The increase was driven by the service sector, as gains were recorded in the arts, entertainment and recreation industry as well as in the management of companies (up to 12% each). The other western provinces, British Columbia (1.6%), Saskatchewan (3.4%), and Manitoba (0.8%), all had positive growth in average weekly earnings. On a year-to-date basis, average weekly earnings in Alberta were up 4.4% in October, exceeding the Canadian average of 3.5%. Alberta's average weekly earnings remain the highest in Canada.

Population

Population growth continued to moderate...

Alberta's population was estimated to be 3,735,086 as of October 1, 2010. This 1.4% growth represents the smallest year-over-year population growth since 1995. With a net

Canadian Dollar (US\$/C\$)

December 23, 2010	99.06
December 17, 2010	98.78
2010-11 YTD	97.39

WTI Oil US\$/bbl

December 23, 2010	\$ 90.48
December 17, 2010	\$ 88.02
2010-11 YTD	\$ 79.48

Nymex Natural Gas C\$/MMBtu*

Near-month Contract	
December 23, 2010	\$4.15
December 17, 2010	\$4.10

*Estimate based on Nymex Futures Market Price

inflow of interprovincial migrants (1,155) and international migrants (6,361), natural growth (8,267) accounted for more than half of Alberta's growth of 14,140 in the third quarter of 2010. For the fourth consecutive quarter, Alberta continued to experience a net loss of non-permanent residents (-1,643) as the labor market became more balanced.

Trade

Retail sales up for fifth consecutive month while wholesale trade went down...

The value of retail sales in Alberta increased by 0.7% in October to just over \$5.0 billion (seasonally adjusted). Sales have been gradually increasing in each of the last five months, in fact, on a year-to-date basis, retail sales in Alberta have increased 5.1%. Nationally, retail sales increased by 0.8% to \$36.6 billion in October.

The value of Alberta's wholesale trade dropped 2.4% to just above \$5.3 billion (seasonally adjusted), despite Alberta recording the strongest year over year growth of 19.3% among all the provinces. Nationally, wholesale sales remained unchanged at \$44.9 billion in October.

Real GDP by industry

Canada's economy recorded a modest growth in October...

Real GDP in Canada increased 0.2% in October from a disappointing decline of 0.1% in September, slightly below the market expectation of 0.3%. The main driver of the gain was a 2.4% increase in mining and oil and gas extraction in October. Despite a slow down in residential building construction (1.7%), Canada experienced a 5.1% rise in the output of real estate agents and brokers.

Current Economic Indicators

Population	2008	2009	2010Ytd	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Population ¹ (000's) (level)	3,591	3,671	3,735	—	3,721	—	—	3,735	—
% change	2.2	2.2	1.4	—	1.4	—	—	1.4	—
Net Interprovincial Migration ¹ (level)	15,317	13,184	-2,183	—	2,820	—	—	1,155	—
Net International Migration ¹ (level)	15,641	16,835	21,533	—	8,035	—	—	6,361	—
Net Non-permanent Residents ¹ (level)	18,611	19,162	-77	—	-753	—	—	-1,643	—
Labour Market									
Employment (000's)	2,013	1,988	1,996	2,000	2,009	2,004	2,004	2,021	2,019
% change	2.8	-1.3	0.4	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.8	2.5	1.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.3	6.5	6.2	6.0	5.6
Participation Rate (%)	74.7	74.3	73.1	73.3	73.1	73.0	72.7	73.1	72.6
Average Weekly Earnings (\$) NEW!	923.21	950.13	991.00	994.21	985.81	999.86	996.80	1012.54	—
% change	6.0	2.9	4.4	4.2	4.7	7.0	4.6	6.6	—
Price Indices									
Consumer Price Index NEW!	3.2	-0.1	1.0	0.6	1.5	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.1
Excluding food and energy	2.1	1.4	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4
Non-Res. Cons. Cost Index ² (quarterly)	13.2	-9.8	-0.9	—	1.8	—	—	—	—
Farm Product Price Index	12.9	-10.6	-10.8	-9.4	-7.0	-6.4	—	—	—
Crops	30.1	-18.9	-23.7	-25.3	-24.1	-24.1	—	—	—
Livestock	1.9	-2.8	-0.1	3.8	7.2	8.1	—	—	—
Household Sector									
Housing Starts (SAAR, 000's)	29.2	20.0	27.3	26.8	29.3	23.5	27.2	25.3	21.1
% change	-39.6	-31.6	41.1	32.0	51.0	13.5	10.6	-15.4	-29.9
New Housing Price Index	0.7	-9.0	0.4	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.0	—
Edmonton	1.0	-11.2	-1.1	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.0	—
Calgary	0.6	-6.7	1.9	3.2	2.7	2.4	2.1	1.1	—
MLS Average Resale Prices (\$ 000's)	351.4	340.5	352.7	345.4	352.2	347.2	360.4	352.9	356.1
% change	-1.5	-3.1	4.0	4.0	3.1	-0.5	0.4	-2	-1
Edmonton	330.8	319.1	327.7	303.9	323.2	325.7	333.8	337.5	338.6
% change	-2.0	-3.5	2.7	2.1	1.5	2.6	-0.7	-0.6	0
Calgary	401.1	384.3	400.3	403.8	402.7	392.1	413.6	396.2	402
% change	-2.9	-4.2	4.6	5.8	5.5	-0.8	1.6	-1.5	-0.6
Retail Sales ³ NEW!	0.2	-8.3	5.1	3.8	4.5	5.1	6.1	4.1	—
New Motor Vehicle Sales	-7.3	-21.7	9.5	13.2	10.2	14.7	13.8	-0.3	—
Consumer Bankruptcies	6,066	9,986	6,264	778	626	615	732	—	—
% change	27.2	64.6	-21.5	-23.8	-28.2	-30.3	-37.1	—	—
Business Sector									
Rigs Drilling	236	128	201	118	199	222	177	260	276
% change	-2.1	-45.6	68.7	99.0	135.2	130.3	59.3	101.4	81.5
Goods Exports (customs based)	35.0	-36.3	13.5	12.6	6.2	11.2	7.5	6.5	—
Energy	43.2	-40.1	19.5	16.9	5.3	12.2	6.1	1.8	—
Agriculture	31.8	-10.2	-10.8	-9.0	-3.3	-8.4	0.8	6.5	—
Total Farm Cash Receipts (quarterly)	17.3	-7.5	-7.1	—	-15.6	—	—	2.6	—
Manufacturing Shipments	6.9	-23.7	10.1	11.0	14.6	15.2	15.7	16.5	—
Wholesale Trade ⁴ NEW!	9.5	-15.9	8.5	8.4	12.5	20.8	20.4	19.3	—
Building Permits	-16.5	-14.2	16.2	32.5	10.1	3.5	-10.7	—	—
Residential	-31.5	-11.8	42.9	53.0	19.4	-12.1	-19.6	—	—
Non-residential	3.7	-16.3	-9.3	14.4	-3.0	39.2	7.2	—	—
Business Bankruptcies	447	405	291	23	27	30	34	—	—
% change	-0.4	-9.4	-5.5	-30.3	-22.9	-9.1	-2.9	—	—

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* YTD – year-to-date represents the change since the beginning of the year compared to the same period in the previous year.

¹ Quarterly; annual numbers are presented on a census year basis (July 1 - June 30).

² Average of Calgary and Edmonton

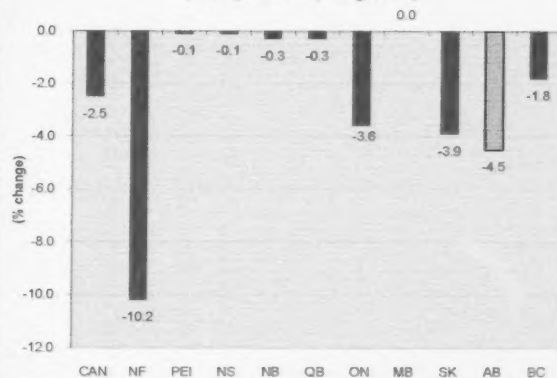
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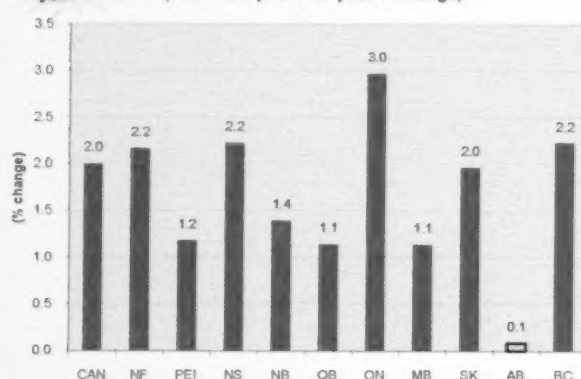
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Current Economic Indicators by Province

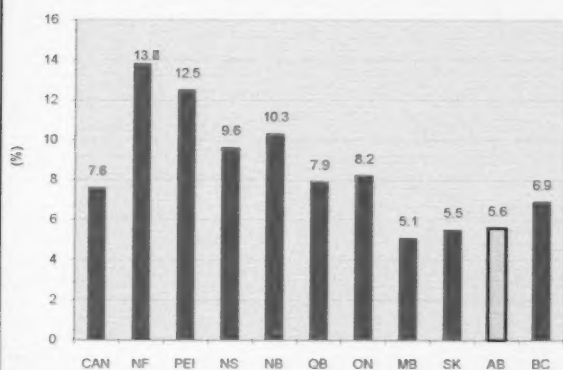
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(2009 year-over-year growth.)



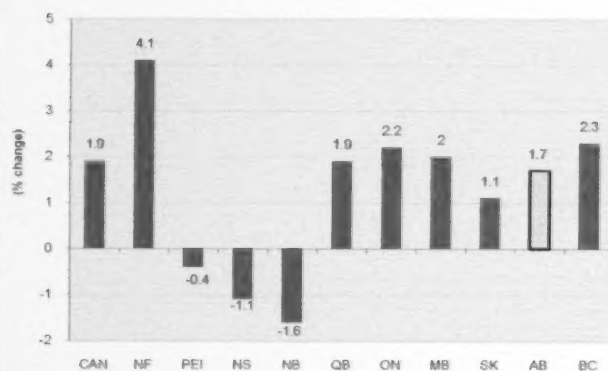
CPI Inflation
(November year-over-year % change)



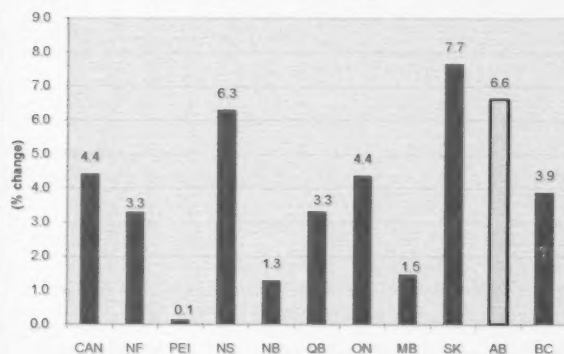
Unemployment Rate
(November 2010, Seasonally Adjusted)



Employment
(November year-over-year growth)



Average Weekly Earnings
(October year-over-year growth)



Housing Starts
(SAAR October 2010)

